

107 Railroad Avenue
(Commercial Building)
Alderson
Monroe County
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-241

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USGS Alderson, West Virginia Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
17.531/400.4175/020

Present Owner: Town of Alderson

Present Occupant: Norman O. Burdette, dba B&B Discount Store

Present Use: General Merchandise Retail Store, closing December 15, 1988

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Description: The building faces North onto Railroad Avenue, which is parallel to the mainline of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway (CSX). The building has a rectangular main block running north and south, with a second floor covering about 3/4 of the first floor. The building has a pitched roof, sloping to the rear, with the first floor rear extension roof being a gabled roof. Both roofs are covered with roll asphalt roofing material. The rear extension of the first floor has clapboard siding, with the remainder of the building, except the facade, covered with asphalt roll siding. The front of the building has flat wood siding on the second floor level, with the boards running horizontally. The first floor has a central entrance, door recessed and display windows to each side. The second floor has a door to the front of the building with two-over-two-light, double-hung sash windows to either side. There are seven scroll brackets at the cornice on the front of the building. There is an exterior stairway with shed roof cover appended to the east side of the building for access to the apartment that is on the second floor. The building is deteriorated.

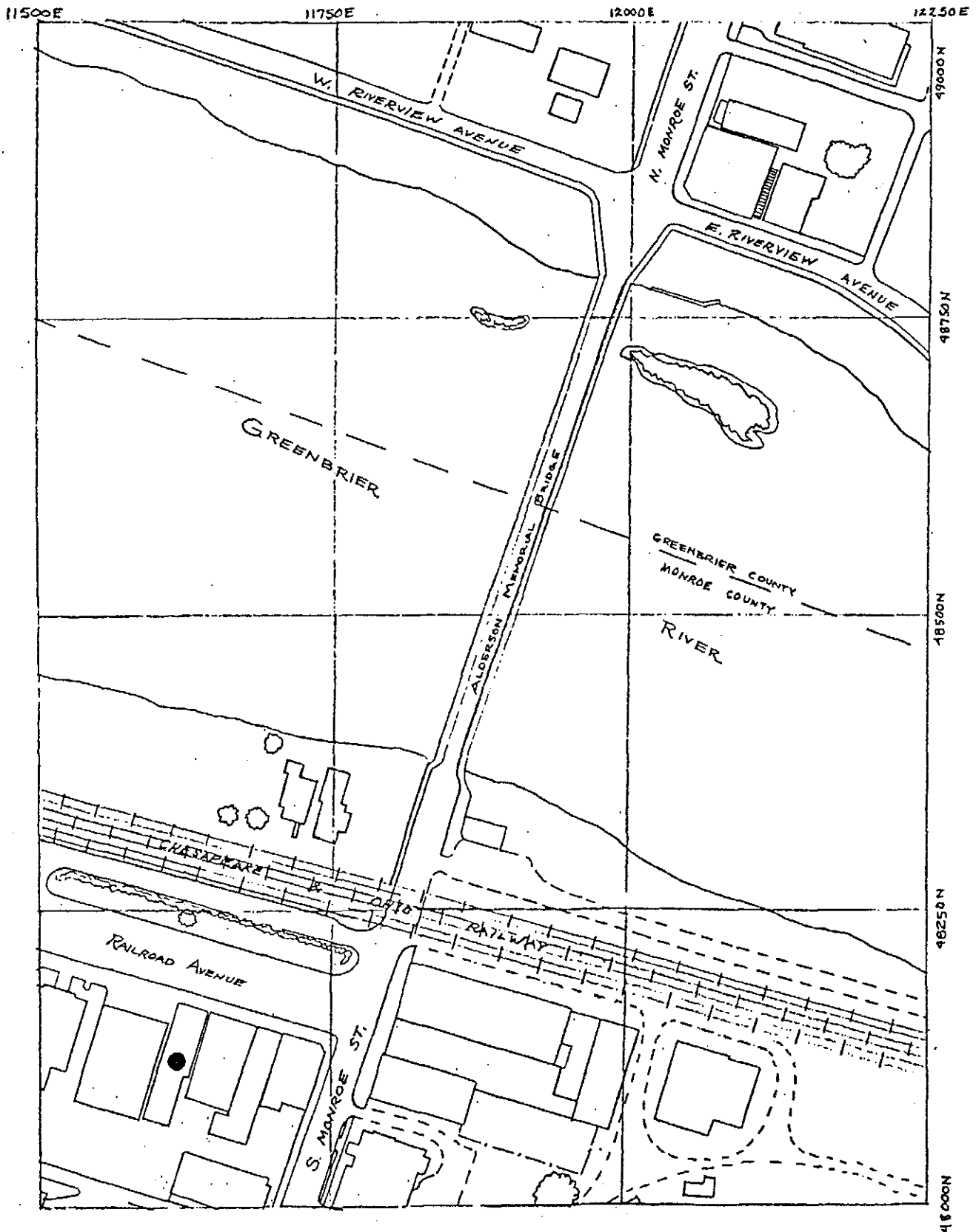
History: The building was constructed in 1888 by a Mr. Riffe and was leased to a B. Faulconer for a confectionery stand and grocery store. Subsequently, three other proprietors have owned and operated retail stores at this location: Myer Levy, 1896-1918; A. J. Russell, 1918-1966; N. O. Burdette, 1966-1988. The building has deteriorated beyond recovery and the Town of Alderson intends to raze the structure to allow for business district re-use of the property.

Source: Dixon, Thomas W., Jr. The Rise and Fall of Alderson. Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing Co., 1967
Town of Alderson Historic Survey, 1988

Historian: E. S. Hanger, Jr., Mayor of Alderson
Michael Gioulis, Historic Preservation Consultant
December 1, 1988

SITE PLAN

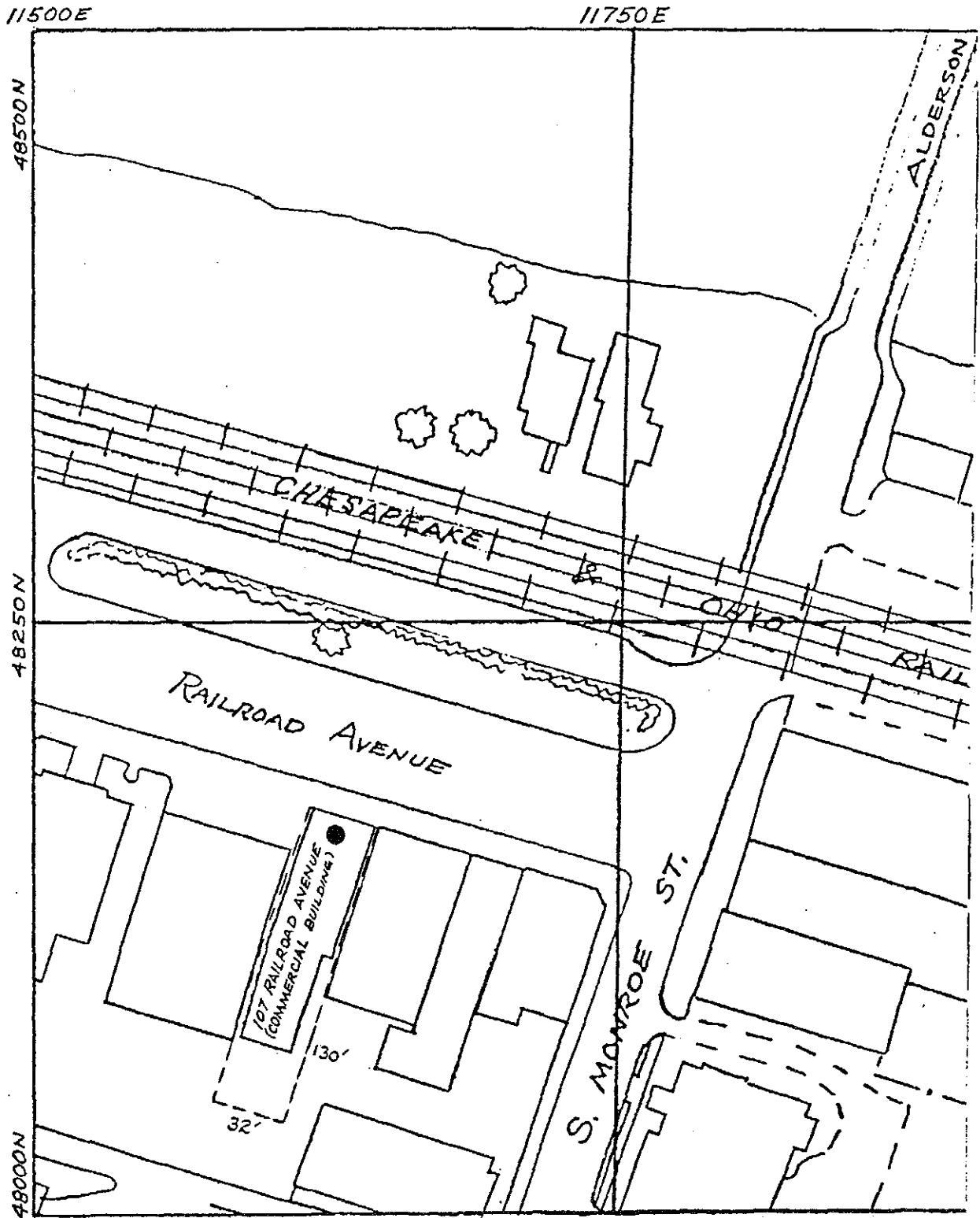
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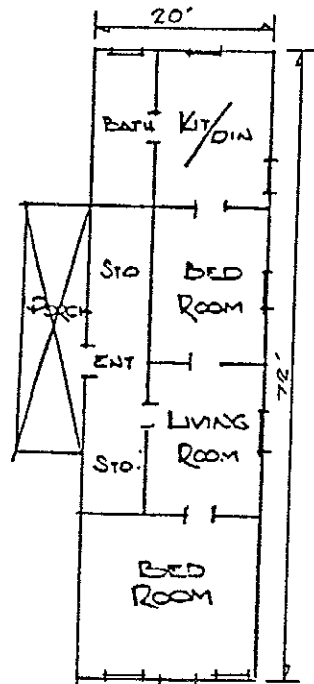
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SITE PLAN (Detail)

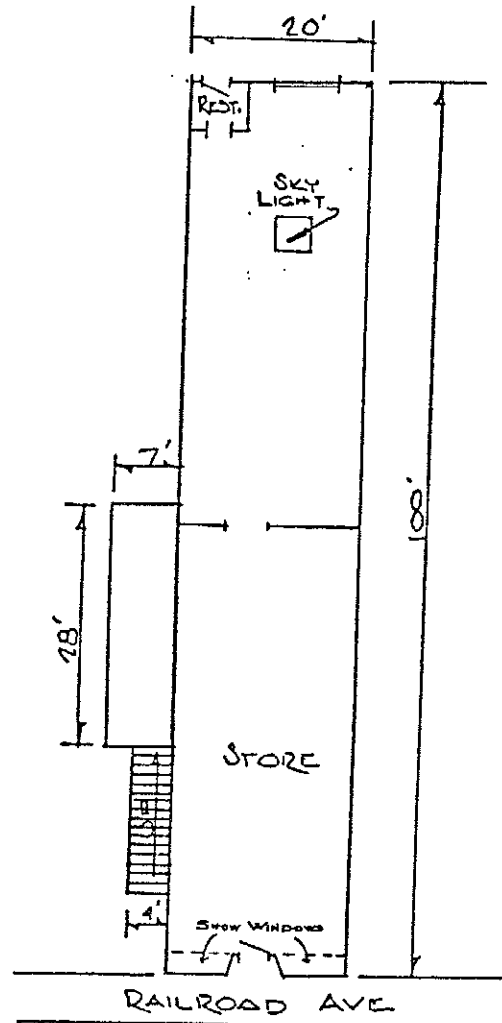
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN